

BLENDING AND BRAIDING FUNDING

Childbirth Preparation Education Incentive Program

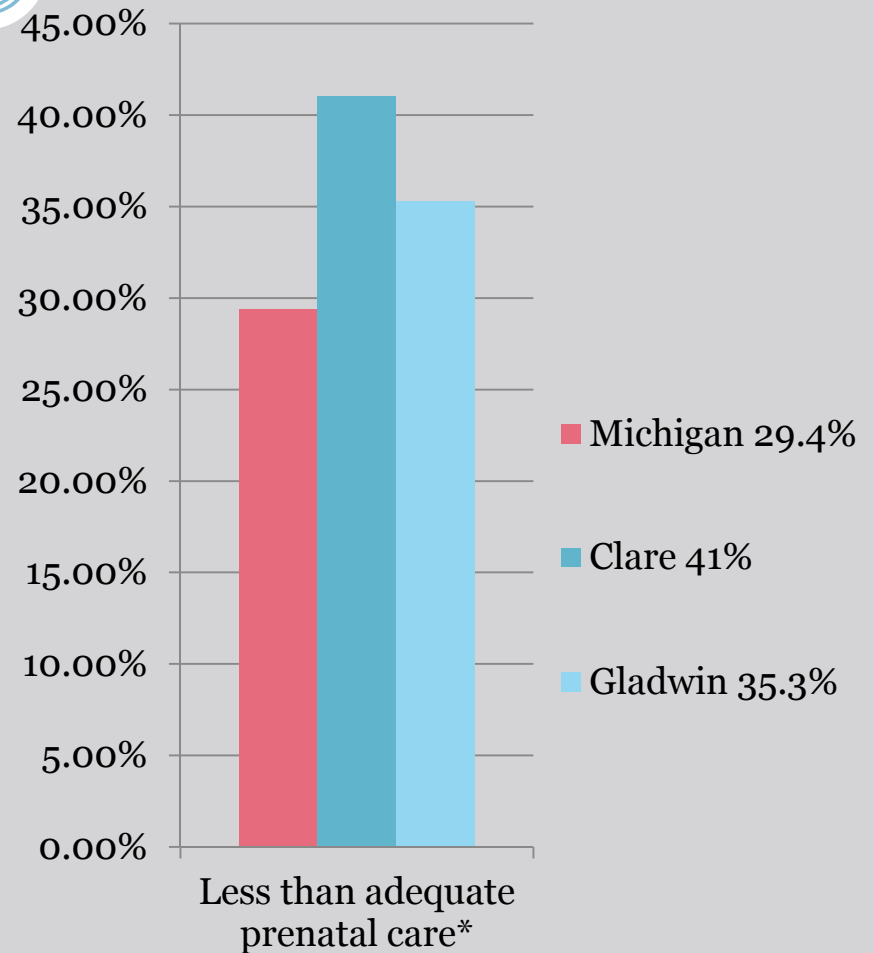


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Identifying the Need

- Limited OB/Prenatal supports and services
- Services available not being utilized
- Kids Count Data*
- Early Childhood Outcome: Children are born healthy



Strengthening Partnerships



Clare-Gladwin Great Start Collaborative

- Resources to Provide Incentive Items



MidMichigan Health

- Facilities and Staff Member to Conduct Childbirth Classes



Central Michigan District Health Department

- Access to Target Population of At-risk Pregnant Moms
- Car Seat Installation



Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Councils


- Clare County Youth Council
- Gladwin County CAN Council
- Funding for Pack 'N Plays



Implementing the Program

Referral Form

*Clare-Gladwin RESD for MidMichigan Health-Gladwin Subsidiary
Preparation for Childbirth Class*



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Parent Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Due Date: _____ Labor Partner Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Medicaid Coverage? ☐ Yes ☐ No OB/GYN _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

CLASS INFORMATION (Two Day Saturday Classes; All class times are 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Please select the two-day class you'd like to attend:

☐ March 14 and 21 at MidMichigan Health Park – Harrison

☐ June 6 and 13 at MidMichigan Physician's Professional Building – Gladwin

☐ September 19 and 26 at MidMichigan Health Park – Harrison

☐ December 5 and 12 at MidMichigan Physician's Professional Building – Gladwin

☐ Please contact me to set up an individual meeting time.

Select the free baby care item of your choice: (Received upon class completion)

☐ Car Seat ☐ Pack and Play

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Person/Agency Referring: _____ Referral Phone Number: _____

Please fax completed referral form to:
Julie Wright 989-246-6477 and Molli Ferency 989-386-3238

- Developed referral form
 - Shared with Health Dept., MidMichigan Health, and RESD Early Childhood Office
 - Referrals faxed to both GSC Coordinator and Community Education Nurse

Implementing the Program (continued)



- Created resource bags to include with incentive item
 - GSC/Parent Coalition
 - Early On
 - Additional Local Resources
 - Infant/Toddler Oral Health (Michigan Caries Prevention Program)

Implementing the Program (continued)



- **Classes completed in March and June, and will continue**
 - Pack 'N Plays and Certificates for Car Seats distributed to participants following class
 - Success! Approx. 25 items given so far (an increase from 2 participants in classes prior to program)
 - Six pregnant moms already registered for September

Blending Funding



Funding Source	What it Provided
Medicaid	Class Registration and Transportation Reimbursement
32p Block Grant	Incentive Items (Provisions to Eliminate Barriers)
Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Prevention Councils	Pack 'N Plays
Michigan Caries Prevention Program	Infant/Toddler Oral Health Care Products
Central Michigan District Health Department	Car Seats (if needed) and Car Seat Installation
MidMichigan Health (Pending)	Incentive Items

Challenges

- **Logistics**
 - Keeping track of registrants
 - Storage space
 - Delivery of items to families
- **Concern for Funding**
 - Will there be enough to sustain the program?



Solutions



Challenges	Solutions
Logistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeping track of registrants• Storage space• Multiple class locations• Delivering items to families	Logistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New procedure implemented• Pack 'N Plays are shipped directly to class locations• Car Seats are shipped directly to Health Dept.
Concern for Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will there be enough to sustain program?	Concern for Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted funding request to MidMichigan Health for \$1,000• Pursue additional grant opportunities• Budget for the future

Questions?



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

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Accessing High Quality Pre-K in Kalamazoo County

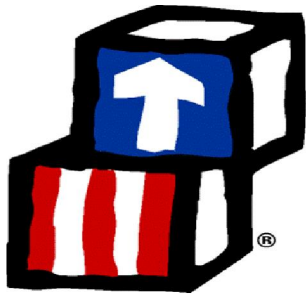
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Head Start





Head Start



KALAMAZOO COUNTY



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KC Ready4s



PRIVATE PROVIDERS

Where can you find us?

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SCHOOLS



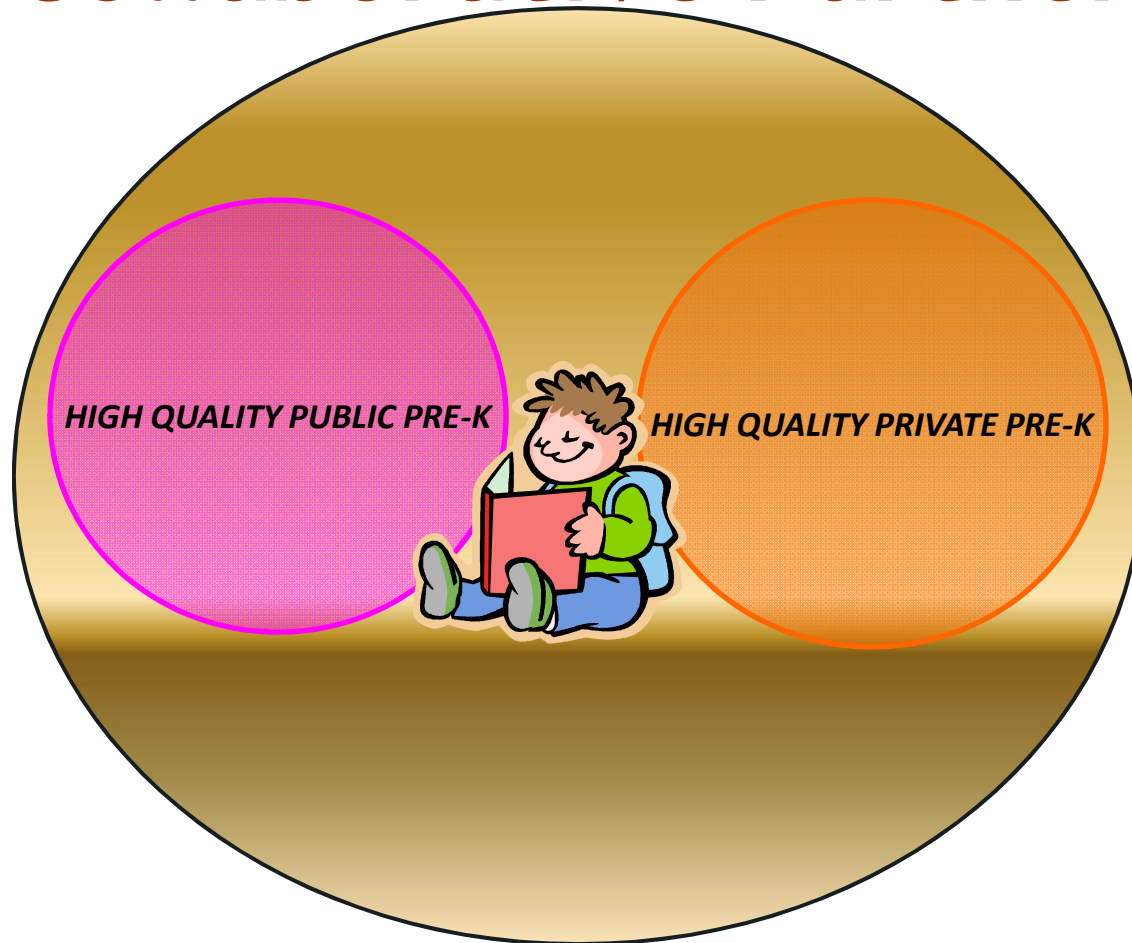
CHILD CARE CENTERS

CHURCHES



PRIVATE CHILDCARE CENTERS

Collaborative Partners



How do I qualify?

- ▶ 0-100% of Poverty Qualifies for Head Start
- ▶ 100%-250% of Poverty Qualifies for GSRP/Over 250%, families are considered if there are State defined risk factors with a sliding fee scale
- ▶ Sliding fee scale used to determine eligibility for KC Ready 4s' funding

The Goal is Pre-K for all 4-year-olds in Kalamazoo County!



WHERE TO TURN YOUR APP IN?

- ▶ Any public school district, private GSRP provider, Head Start office, KC Ready 4s office, KRESA
- ▶ OR register on line at dreambigstartsmall.org
- ▶ OR call 269-250-9333 anytime during regular work hours and get your questions answered!



KALAMAZOO COUNTY
P R E - K

Number of 4-Year-Olds (approx.)	Number Who receive Head Start services	Number Who Qualify for GSRP
3000	284	2094

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 3000 \\
 -2378 \\
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 622 \\
 \text{Unmet Need}
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GSRP Programs Located in Public Schools

► Kalamazoo-PEEP Office

- Greenwood Elementary School
3501 Moreland Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

► Vicksburg-B4K

- Indian Lake
- Toby
- Sunset

► Portage

- Woodland Elementary
1401 Woodland Dr.
Portage, MI 49024

► Galesburg

- Galesburg-Augusta Primary School
315 W. Battle Creek St.
Galesburg, MI 49053



► Gull Lake

- Kellogg Elementary.
9746 E. M-89
Richland, MI 49088

► Parchment

- Parchment Early Learning Center
Northwood Elementary (East wing of the building)
600 Edison St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

► Comstock

- Contact KRESA @ 269.250.9640

► Climax Scotts

- Climax Scotts Elementary School
11245 East QR Ave
Scotts MI. 49088

► Schoolcraft

- Schoolcraft Early Elementary School
300 East Cass
Schoolcraft, MI 49087





GSRP Programs Located with Private Providers

- ▶ Bullfrogs & Butterflies Christian Learning Center
- ▶ Child Development Center - Augusta
- ▶ Child Development Center - Evergreen
- ▶ Child Development Center - Forest
- ▶ Comstock Community Learning Center
- ▶ Discovery Center
- ▶ Heart & Hands Preschool
- ▶ Hilltop Preschool
- ▶ Kids Crossing Learning Center
- ▶ Learning Village - Lake Street
- ▶ Little Lambs Learning Center
- ▶ Nature's Way Preschool
- ▶ New Genesis Learning Center
- ▶ Parchment Early Learning Center
- ▶ PreK International Child Care Center
- ▶ WMU Children's Place
- ▶ YWCA Children's Center





Head Start

422 E. South Street

For eligibility information, please call 269-250-9846

KRESA West Campus	Comstock STEM School
Northeastern Elementary	Parchment Northwood El
Galesburg Elementary	Curious Kids Portage
Vicksburg Elementary	Lincoln International School
St. Joseph School	Westnedge Elementary
Winchell Elementary	
Portage Community Center	
Christian Life Center	
Comstock North El	



KC Ready 4s

157 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 90, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

KC Ready 4s works with licensed, private providers in helping them reach 4 or 5 stars under Michigan's Great Start to Quality system. To date:

- 48 providers are associated with KC Ready 4s
- 30 of the 48 have achieved 4 or 5 stars
- 17 private providers are also GSRP sites



KC Ready4s



Successes and Challenges

► Successes

- Common Application
- Common Student Information System (Child Plus)
- Common Recruitment Plan
- Shared Professional Development
- More Children are attending Pre-K countywide
- Shared message about Pre-K
- Increased trust and awareness about Pre-K

► Challenges

- Desegregating Pre-K Classrooms because the money is tied to poverty level.
- Following everybody's rules
 - Federal Government
 - State Government
 - Local Funders

What Does Blending/Braiding Look Like in Kalamazoo County Pre-K

► Head Start

- Blend: 100% of 4 year olds are head start eligible. 50% of funding from Head Start and 50% of funding from GSRP
- Braid: In a classroom of 18 children, 5 may be 100% funded out of GSRP but receive Head Start Services

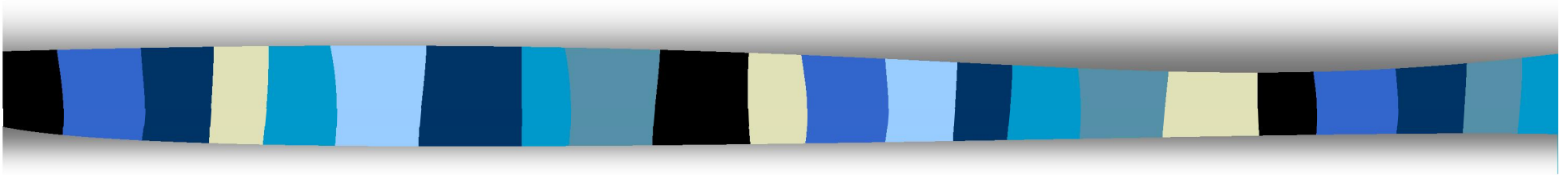
► GSRP Classrooms/KC Ready 4's

- Blend: Children may receive some of their day funded out of GSRP and some of their day out of KC Ready 4's
- Braid: Children may be funded either by GSRP, KC Ready 4s, or self-pay

Next Steps to flexibly Braiding and Blending Classrooms

- ▶ Gain deeper understanding of Head Start regulations around children in the classroom that are not Head Start Eligible. What services need to be provided?
- ▶ How would Head Start Services be efficiently delivered if children were spread across 100 different sites?
- ▶ What would need to occur in order for children's families to want to enroll their child in a Head Start Classroom?
- ▶ Is there any flexibility in how Special Education Services are provided to children enrolled by a private provider?

Inclusion at the MSU Child Development Laboratories, Haslett campus



Since 2005....



Collaborating Partners

- Haslett Public Schools
- C.A.C.S. Head Start
- Michigan State University Child Development Laboratories



Staffing

- Head Teachers with Master degrees in Child Development and Bachelor degrees in Special Education, Early Childhood Spec Ed, or Child Development
- Student teachers with a minimum of two years in child development
- Early Childhood Special Education Teacher consultant
- Speech and language pathologist
- Occupational and physical therapists per IEP



Programming

- Special Education Teacher Consultant assigned exclusively to the program
- Children integrated across classrooms for balance
- Ancillary services provided on site, within classrooms
- Resources and materials fit needs of children
- Half day programming, Monday-Thursday



Classroom composition

- Children enrolled through Haslett Special Education Program
- Children enrolled through Head Start
- Children enrolled through parent paid tuition
- Children enrolled through GSRP except in 3 year old classroom



Rule 55

- R 340.1755: Early childhood special education services:
- provided by an approved early childhood special education teacher or approved related services staff to young children birth through age 5 based upon the child's individual needs as specified by the IEP or the combined IEP/IFSP, as appropriate.
- Related services staff work under the supervision of an approved early childhood special education teacher.
- Provided for a minimum of 2 hours per week, but not less than 72 clock hours within 180 school days..



Challenges

- Administration of multiple programs including Head Start, Special Education, GSRP, NAEYC, GSQ, MICR, CACFP, Childcare licensing, ...or how not to duplicate paperwork
- Braiding various programs and requirements
- Shared meaning



Strategies for success

- Meet highest program standard across all programming
- Weekly meetings
- Working with “point person” from each program
- Set goals for programming
- Develop the infrastructure
- Develop early in the process a universal language
- Maintain flexibility in the definition of roles
- Transition planning
- Shared professional development
- COMMUNICATION!
- New ZS endorsement supports inclusion in early childhood settings



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Tours of the program available.